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Asset Recovery Unit
INFORMATION REPORT
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Ramsden

SUBJECT: Meeting with [REDACTED].

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RELATIVE DATE & TIME : **Thursday 27th May 1999.**

On Thursday the 27th of May 1999, at approximately 11.30 a.m., Detective Sergeant SEGRAVE and I met with [REDACTED]

He was unable to tell us of any particular incident where he knows that [REDACTED] has committed a criminal offence. He stated that he has known [REDACTED] for 13 years and that [REDACTED] has defended him a couple of times in Court. Everytime he has been defended by [REDACTED] he has been a private paying client. [REDACTED] has also assisting [REDACTED] with setting up his wife's business which is a beauty salon in Chapel Street, Prahran.

All [REDACTED] could say is that he believes, like most people who know [REDACTED], that he is a 'crook'. He stated that Peter REID always used to offer to [REDACTED] to launder money and that everything would be done through [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] never had the money to launder.

In relation to the block of land which [REDACTED] owns outright in [a town] and to which the documentation relates to there appears on the face of it that there are no criminal offences apparent.

[REDACTED] states that he had a debt of a business man in [Interstate] for \$[REDACTED]. He borrowed the money to inject into his car yard business which has since gone bankrupt. [REDACTED] has not been able to pay back any of the debt.

Associates of the [Interstate] business man began chasing [REDACTED] for the \$[REDACTED] and

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they 'employed' ██████████ to chase the money. ██████████ began threatening ██████████ with his life or injury if he did not pay some money.

██████████ told ██████████ that all he had was a block of land at a town ██████████ then approached ██████████ to draw up a document to sign the block of land over to ██████████ in part payment of the debt. ██████████ did this. These negotiations took place in ██████████ office.

About a week after the initial approach by ██████████ regarding the block of land, ██████████ and ██████████ met and ██████████ signed the document. He says that his state of mind at the time of signing the document was that he believed he still owned the land and just signed the document to get ██████████ off his back.

Late last year ██████████ approached ██████████ to obtain the title for the block of land, which ██████████ was keeping in his safe. ██████████ handed over the title without any problems and ██████████ is still in possession of the title.

There have been no other approaches made by ██████████ or anyone else for payment of the debt or regarding the block of land.

In ██████████ mind he never really lost possession of the block of land.

On the face of it, ██████████ was simply acting the instructions of ██████████.

It appears that ██████████ will be of little value to this investigation.

EVALUATION : A2

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